

**Weekly Weather
Crop Report**

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 7, 2002**. Some producers across the State are hoping for more sunny days so they can continue corn planting and other fieldwork. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 47 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	41	23	59	59	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	19	--	30	32	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Planted	1	0	12	8	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Jointing	61	44	73	83	2	19	42	30	7
	Heading	6	--	7	21					
Watermelons	Planted	43	9	42	30	--	--	--	--	--
Hay						0	6	27	55	12
Cattle						0	6	25	58	11
Pasture						1	8	33	48	10
Blueberries						0	4	26	65	5

County Agent Comments

“We missed the last rain and producers on high ground are back in the fields. Farmers need a couple of dry weeks to get corn planted and get fields ready for other crops.”

—Mack Young, Quitman County

“The most action you saw in the fields last week were tractors running some sort of water furrow plow, trying to drain all the excess water. It’s getting pretty late for planting corn. Without a farm bill, and with high cost of production, low crop prices and soggy fields, morale is running pretty low right now.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter Tallahatchie County

“Wet fields continue to hamper producers from doing any work. Wheat is looking much better. Pastures are slowly improving.”

—Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Ground is completely saturated with water from recent rains. Farmers are ready to begin planting as soon as weather permits.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Excellent progress was made with corn planting during the latter part of the week. Some soybeans and rice were also planted. Rain started falling again early Monday morning, eliminating most all field work for the coming week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Crops are going in slowly partially because of inclement weather and partially because many producers are still having trouble showing how they can cash flow to lending institutes.”

—Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“It's still raining as I submit this report this morning (Monday). The wet conditions are prohibiting field work and will force some farmers to consider alternative crops as it will be too late to plant corn if it doesn't quit raining soon. Livestock and winter forages are doing good. Summer forages are coming on strong lately.”

—Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“We are still hoping to see some SUNSHINE. Farmers are unable to get much field work done because heavy and frequent rains are keeping us out of the fields.”

—Bill Maily, Hinds County

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Weather Summary from April 1, 2002 to April 7, 2002 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	76	38	54	59	-5	0.00	-1.20	0	11.15	64	40	52	
Cleveland	77	36	54	58	-4	0.11	-1.15	1	8.95				
Tunica	79	37	54	59	-5	0.00	-1.33	0	10.08	62	49	55	0.17
Extreme/Average	79	36	54	60	-6	0.04	-1.22	0	10.06	64	40	54	0.17
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				55		0.06	-1.24	1	10.04				0.09
Memphis	78	37	55	59	-4	0.00	-1.34	0	11.22				
Oxford	82	31	53	57	-4	0.00	-1.25	0	9.69				
Extreme/Average	82	31	54	59	-5	0.02	-1.24	0	10.32				0.09
3. Northeast													
Booneville	81	32	52	57	-5	0.01	-1.27	1	10.17				
Corinth	79	31	51	59	-8	0.04	-1.23	1	8.93				
Iuka	80	26	49	54	-5	0.15	-1.14	1	7.97				
Pontotoc	80	34	52	58	-6	0.06	-1.31	1	8.44	71	52	58	0.34
Tupelo	80	36	54	57	-3	0.01	-1.21	1	7.56				
Verona	81	35	54	58	-4	0.04	-1.25	1	8.75	70	44	57	0.19
Extreme/Average	81	26	52	59	-7	0.05	-1.26	1	8.64	71	44	58	0.27
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	79	42	55	60	-5	0.00	-1.38	0	7.26	75	66	67	
Rolling Fork	81	39	58	60	-2	0.06	-1.32	1	5.59	77	55	64	0.19
Stoneville	77	40	54	60	-6	0.01	-1.29	1	8.26	72	49	59	0.17
Yazoo City	81	36	55	61	-6	0.00	-1.48	0	7.31				
Extreme/Average	81	36	55	62	-7	0.02	-1.24	1	7.11	77	49	63	0.18
5. Central													
Carthage	81	35	56	60	-4	0.65	-0.75	1	5.48				
Greenwood	79	34	56	61	-5	0.00	-1.34	0	5.12				
Jackson	81	38	58	60	-2	0.04	-1.36	1	6.86				
Winona	81	30	51	56	-5	0.00	-1.38	0	7.03				
Extreme/Average	81	30	55	61	-6	0.17	-1.16	1	6.46				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	83	39	58			0.40	-1.00	1	4.77	65	50	57	
Columbus	82	35	56	60	-4	0.42	-0.91	1	5.73				
State University	83	32	54	59	-5	0.43	-0.95	2	6.73	66	50	57	0.16
Extreme/Average	83	32	56	60	-4	0.42	-0.98	1	5.74	66	50	57	0.16
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	83	39	58	62	-4	0.00	-1.45	0	5.24	78	51	70	
Natchez	79	37	59	63	-4	0.03	-1.47	1	3.80				
Oakley	83	38	58	61	-3	0.01	-1.46	1	5.57	80	53	66	
Vicksburg	81	41	57			0.07		1	4.30				
Extreme/Average	83	37	58	63	-5	0.03	-1.28	1	4.73	80	51	68	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	81	40	62	63	-1	0.80	-0.65	1	5.20				
McComb	81	44	61	63	-2	0.00	-1.42	0	5.71				
Extreme/Average	81	40	61	63	-2	0.40	-0.93	1	5.46				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	84	41	63			0.28		1	5.34				
Hattiesburg	83	32	60	63	-3	0.06	-1.31	1	3.97				
Laurel	80	38	58	62	-4	0.78	-0.50	2	4.09				
Meridian	81	37	57	61	-4	0.00	-1.43	0	3.86				
Newton	80	34	58	60	-2	0.38	-1.09	1	4.07	72	50	61	0.16
Extreme/Average	84	32	59	62	-3	0.30	-1.01	1	4.27	72	50	61	0.16
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	85	43	63	64	-1	0.00	-1.36	0	4.53				
Biloxi AFB	81	48	64			0.23		1	3.80				
Gulfport	82	46	64	65	-1	0.00	-1.21	0	4.71				
Pascagoula	84	42	63			0.32		1	4.09				
Poplarville	81	43	61	63	-2	0.03	-1.29	1	5.98	80	58	68	0.20
Extreme/Average	85	42	63	65	-2	0.12	-1.03	1	4.62	80	58	68	0.20
State	85	26	57	62	-5	0.17	-1.12	1	6.48	80	40	62	0.16

DFN = Departure from Normal.